Hubbardston, Feb. 1st 1860.

Friend Garrison

It is refreshing occasionally, to find one ready armed in defence of the truth, that all men are really endowed with "certain inalienable rights," among which "liberty and happiness" are the essential elements, the inspiration of our being, the soul of life.

A little specimen of this kind of Artillery "came off," last Monday Evening, in the town of H. in answer to a call for a discussion with reference to the Personal Liberty Bile, and its connection with our

own own Representative, in
behalf of his disposal.

A Petition

of this kind was placed in
this hand, & in full faith,
Republican, as he claimed
to be, that he would at least,
after signing his own
name thereto, ~~at least~~ give
the sanction of his vote.
But lo! and behold, ~~for~~ he
found himself in an
unpleasant predica-
ment, having sworn to
support the Constitution,
and being more honest than some
in this particular, could
not, without perjury, give his
assent. So his name figur-
ed among the ~~Noes~~ Nays
Nayes. He first occupied
the stand in explanation

of his position, alluding to the provision of the Constitution to return fugitives, and his allegiance to support the same.

His — Name was given to the Petition ~~without~~ he said, without due Consideration.

Mr. ~~Heywood~~, He said, that Ethics and morals had nothing to do with Politics, and that if we wished to turn the Meeting into a Conference, we would reverently bend.

Mr. Heywood dispersed of the Constitution in a summary manner, selecting such sentiments and clauses, as pertain to our rights as Individuals, and Citizens. Citing the Cases of

the venerable Mr. Hoar,
and Hubbard. But —
adding, with his construc-
tion of the Constitution
of the United States, in-
cluding the clause that
to return the fugitive as
the foundation of the Fugi-
tive Slave Bill with all its
~~sundry prohibitions~~ and
~~requirements — at the~~
same time as a Christian
finding this injunction
resting upon us, to remem-
ber them that are in
bonds as bound with —
them, he would —
sooner stand on the
Scaffold with John Brown
were he worthy, or meet
his fate, than to be sworn to
support that Instrument.